

BOBBY JINDAL GOVERNOR

## State of Louisiana

KEVIN DAVIS

## Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

September 12, 2013

MEDIA CONTACT: Mike Steele mike.steele@la.gov 225-788-0095

## **National Preparedness Month**

Baton Rouge, LA (September 12, 2013) Governor Bobby Jindal has declared a proclamation in support of September being designated as National Preparedness Month. Historically, September is one of the peak months for hurricane activity to threaten the coastal parishes. Governor Jindal urges everyone to Get A Game Plan for tropical activity or any other types of manmade or natural disasters the state may face.

FEMA created National Preparedness Month in response to the tragic events of 9/11 in order to prepare for emergencies. It is something the Louisiana Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) stresses year round. GOHSEP Director Kevin Davis says, "We work with our local, state and federal partners to make sure we are prepared for any type of emergency. We hope individuals will do the same when it comes to stocking food and supplies for at least three days, staying informed and evacuating if they receive that order from their parish."

You can download the new Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Guide and free Get A Game Plan App, and find other important information at <a href="https://www.getagameplan.org">www.getagameplan.org</a>. You can also receive emergency alerts on most smartphones and tablets by downloading the new ALERT FM App. It is free for basic service.

Governor Jindal encourages local communities to declare September National Preparedness Month to help everyone be better prepared for disasters.